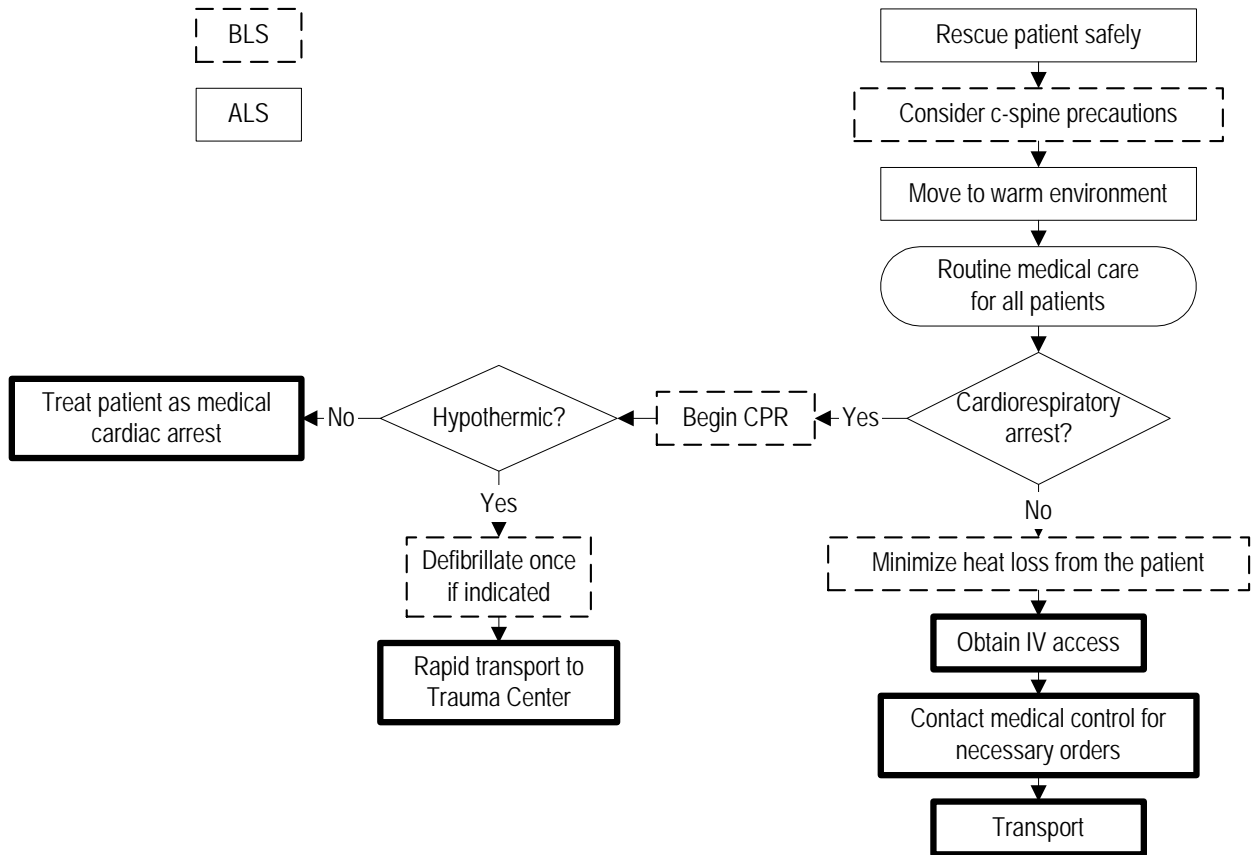


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
MEDICAL PROTOCOL  
DROWNING**

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
Patient found submerged in water	Altered level of consciousness Vomiting/aspiration Possible c-spine injury Possible hypothermia Possible cardiac arrest	Drowning



**NOTES:**

- Estimate the time of submersion.
- Note the type of water involved, i.e. bathtub, pool, lake, polluted, etc.
- Estimate the temperature of the water.
- Resuscitation should not be terminated until patient is adequately rewarmed.